

2022 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee  
**A L Y S S A R O U L S**

GRADUATED: 2003

RESIDES: PROSPER, TEXAS

**A**lyssa Rouls is a proud graduate of Gahanna Lincoln High School, graduating in 2003. As a first generation immigrant from Thailand, Rouls only knew Thai and Chinese when she began school. She learned English in an English language immersion program at Gahanna-Jefferson.

Rouls treasures her time spent both in the classroom, as well as performing on the GLHS Lionettes Dance Team and leading the squad as captain during her senior year. She feels the academics of Gahanna prepared her for college and her endeavors after college.

After completing her B.S. and M.B.A. at The University of Texas, Rouls went on to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry, serving as an award-winning commercial leader in strategy, operations, and marketing.

According to Dr. Howard Dover, a Director at the University of Texas at Dallas, Rouls was one of the most accomplished students in his class. "Alyssa has been a top performer in her sales roles. Top sales performance is very time consuming and requires impeccable time management. Most of our top performing alumni find it challenging to volunteer and give back via mentoring young professionals. Alyssa has always been willing to give back to our program despite her professional work load."

Rouls also took her love of dance to the world of professional sports and had the opportunity to be part of the world-famous Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and the Dallas Mavericks Dancers.

According to her former teacher and dance coach at LHS, Jen McConaha, "Alyssa had a natural intelligence but dancing was not the easiest for her. She had to work super hard and push herself. She wasn't the strongest dancer but she never gave up."



Rouls was also part of a new Alzheimer's division at Biogen, designated to launch the first ever disease-modifying therapy for Alzheimer's

As a volunteer in her community, Rouls' friend, Jennie Olson, speaks about how she gives back to the community. Rouls and her oldest daughter began volunteering together when her daughter was only 18 months old for Meals on Wheels, Operation Kindness Animal Shelter, Treats for Heroes, etc. Jennie also said, "Alyssa hosts free community dance workshops for kids whose families do not have the financial means to send their kids to a local dance studio. It brings her great joy to be able to watch these girls grow and develop."

Currently, Rouls lives in Texas with her husband, Erik, and their two daughters, Emma and Olivia.